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PAWAN HANS HELICOPTERS LIMITED
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria for award of Mini-Ratna status to Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) whether the Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) fulfils this criteria;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the pre-tax profits earned by PHHL during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether PHHL is planning to increase its fleet size through external borrowing and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) Department of Public Enterprises(DPE) vide its OM.No.11/36/97- Fin. Dated 9th October,1997 enumerates following eligibility criteria for award of Mini Ratna status to Public Sector Enterprises(PSEs):-

2.1. Category-I PSEs : PSEs should have made profit in the last three years continuously, the pre-tax profit should have been Rs.30 crores or more in at least one of the three years and should have a positive net worth.
2.2. Category-II PSEs: These PSEs should have made profit for the last three years continuously and should have a positive net worth.
2.3. These PSEs shall be eligible for the enhanced delegated powers provided they have not defaulted in the repayment of loans/ interest payment on any loans due to the Government.
2.4 These public sector enterprises shall not depend upon budgetary support or Government guarantees.
2.5. The Boards of these PSEs should be restructured by inducting at least three non- official Directors as the first step before the exercise of enhanced delegation of authority, as indicated vide DPE`s OM of even number dated the 9th October,1997.

The administrative Ministry concerned shall decide whether a Public Sector Enterprise fulfilled the requirements of a Category-I/ Category-II company before the exercise of enhanced powers.

(b) & (c) Pawan Hans fulfils all criteria of Mini Ratna-1 status, except the one in Para 2.5 of the above DPE Guidelines. However, Mini Ratna-1 status was approved for Pawan Hans on 8th April, 2011 and as per list published on 26.10.2014 on the web site of Department of Public Enterprises, Pawan Hans is under the Category of Mini Ratna-1 CPSE at Serial No.41.

The pre tax profit of Pawan Hans during the financial year 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 were Rs.22.43 crores, Rs.27.94 crores, Rs.61.23 crores respectively. The pre tax profit during the current financial year 2014-15 is estimated at Rs.63.66 crores.

(d) As per the XII Five Year Plan (2012-17), the then Planning Commission had approved acquisition of 10 helicopters and 2 Seaplanes at a cost of Rs.559.35 crores by Pawan Hans Limited. As per the approval, the acquisition will be financed through Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) i.e. funded in the pattern of 20% through Internal Resources and 80% through External Borrowings.